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1. IN REGARDS TO REFTTEL, PARA 5, ALTHOUGH USING PERUVIAN REGISTERED VEHICLE IN BOLIVIA IS THEORETICALLY POSSIBLE ACTUAL RED TAPE AND DIFFICULTIES ARE LIKELY TO BE EXTREME. BOLIVIA REQUIRES A REEXPORTATION GUARANTEE IN THE FULL VALUE OF THE VEHICLE (IF THE VEHICLE WERE OFFICIALLY PART OF AMEMBASSY LIMA FLEET THEN BOLIVIAN OFFICIALS MIGHT ACCEPT LETTER OF GUARANTEE CERTIFIED BY PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY IN LIEU OF A MONEY GUARANTEE). THE TIME LIMIT A FOREIGN VEHICLE MAY REMAIN IN BOLIVIA IS SHORT, THE USUAL MAXIMUM IS A FEW WEEKS. EACH TIME THE VEHICLE ENTERS BOLIVIA THE ABOVE PROCEDURES WOULD HAVE TO BE COMPLETED IN FULL. A CAUTIONARY NOTE: EVEN THOUGH WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO OBTAIN A SPECIAL RULING FROM THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT CONCERNING PART OF THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS, THE AUTHORITIES AT THE USUAL BORDER CROSSING OF PUNO OR DESAGUADERO ARE APT TO IGNORE IT THEREBY CAUSING MUCH FRUSTRATION AND LOST TIME FOR SMITHSONIAN SCIENTISTS.

2. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE THE EMBASSY SUGGESTS THE SMITH-
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SONIAN EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF PURCHASING A SECOND VEHICLE TO BE BASED IN LA PAZ.
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